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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 22, 1999 NOTICE
TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)

This Communication is submitted in response to the October 22, 1999 Notice to File Missing Parts of Application issued by the United States Patent and Trademark office in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the notice is enclosed herewith as **Exhibit 1**. A response to the October 22, 1999 Notice is due December 22, 1999. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

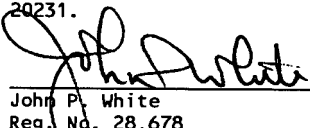
In response to the October 22, 1999 Notice, applicants attach hereto as **Exhibit 2**, an original Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by Howard J. Worman and Naoto Mamiya. The Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date. The surcharge for submitting the Declaration and Power of Attorney under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e) is SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00) for a small entity. Applicants have already established small entity status upon the filing of this patent application. A check in the sum of SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00) is enclosed to cover the surcharge fee under 37 C.F.R.

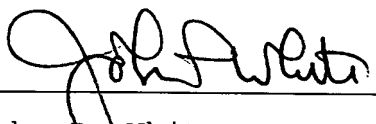
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No fee, other than the SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00) surcharge fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any other fees are required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125

Respectfully submitted,

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